

– ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Welcome: Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! We welcome everyone to our time of worship this morning. May the joy of the Lord be your strength as we sing our Lord's praises today. Visitors are encouraged to stop by and meet our pastors in the lobby after the service.

Cell Phones: Please silence all your electronic devices.



SVC Parent's Day Out: Register your preschoolers, ages 1–4, for two days per week, 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. E-mail Anita Murphy, SVC Director of Preschool Ministry, at anitam@stephensvalleychurch.com.

Sunday School Teacher Needed: We are looking for someone to teach the 0–3-year-olds' Sunday school class. If you are interested, contact Anita Murphy at anitam@stephensvalleychurch.com or see her at the Children's Ministry desk.

Starting Point: Visitors are invited and encouraged to attend Pastor Jim's Starting Point class in the office suite conference room through August 15. The class meets from 9:30–10:15 a.m. Greeters will be happy to direct you when you arrive.

Choir: Now is a great time to sign up for our Chancel Choir. Rehearsals will resume Wednesday, August 4, at 6:00 p.m. in the choir room. We look forward to singing great anthems of the church both old and new and, of course, our annual Christmas Concert with Orchestra on December 12. E-mail David German at davidg@stephensvalleychurch.com for more information or to reserve a spot.

Wednesday Nights This Fall: Mark your calendars! August 25–October 13 we will meet in the Fellowship Hall for supper and Bible study. The Bible study series will begin with Dr. David Lawrence teaching two weeks on "Paradise Lost/Paradise Regained." For the following six weeks, Pastor Heath will teach a series on the subject of "How to (Actually) Love Your Neighbor." The meals will be catered and can be purchased through online registration each week. More details will be forthcoming.

Food, Fun, and Worship: Invite your friends to join us for a great time of food and fun following our worship service on Sunday, August 29. Our worship will again feature special music from our choir accompanied by brass, timpani, organ, and piano. Immediately afterward we will enjoy a delicious meal of fried or grilled catfish, hush puppies, slaw, and white beans. The church will provide free iced tea, lemonade, and water as well as ice cream and watermelon for dessert. A water slide, a slip and slide, and two bounce houses will be on the premises for the children and youth to enjoy! Kids should bring play clothes/swimsuit.

Early Morning Bible Study: Beginning Thursday, September 9, Mike Bishop will lead a Bible study on the book of Ephesians. The class will use a John Stott study guide as a reference but will focus on direct study and application of the Scripture. The group will meet from 6:30–7:30 a.m., and the study will last six weeks. If you are interested in attending, sign up in the lobby or contact Mike Bishop or the church office.

– THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR –

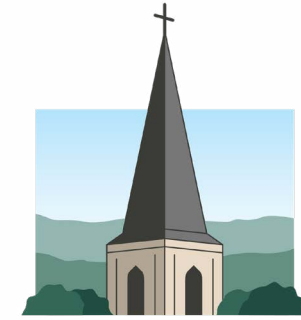
Today, 9:00 a.m. Officers' Prayer Time
Today, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
Today, 10:40 a.m. Worship Service
Monday, 9:00 a.m. Sabbatical Search Career Group
Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. SVC Women's Bible Study
Tuesday, 4:00 p.m. Sweet Half Hour of Prayer (St. Paul Chapel, first floor)
Friday, 9:00 a.m. SVC Men's Bible Study (Café)

Financial Update

Average Weekly Offering Needed	\$40,305
July 18 General Fund Offering	\$15,857
Total July General Fund	\$80,113
FY 21–22 General Fund Deficit	\$34,802
Construction Loan to Refinance	\$8,650,000
Additional Construction Loan	\$1,091,172

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